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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**MEXICAN NATIONAL SENTENCED TO 31 YEARS
FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING AND FIREARMS**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that EZEQUIEL PEREZ-SILVA, 33, Guerrero, Mexico, was sentenced today by U.S. District Chief Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty plea to possession with intent to distribute cocaine for which he received a sentence of to 21 years and 10 months imprisonment and his guilty plea to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon for which he recieved a 10 year sentence.

These charges arose out of joint investigation conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Indianapolis Metropolitan Drug Task Force, and the Indianapolis Police Department.

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PEREZ-SILVA was arrested after law enforcement agents executed a search warrant at his residence located in the 2000 block of W. Howard Street in Indianapolis. The search of PEREZ-SILVA'S residence revealed over half a kilogram of cocaine, a loaded .357 magnum handgun, two boxes of .357 caliber ammunition, and a small amount of marijuana.

A further investigation determined that PEREZ-SILVA was illegally in the United States and was previously deported after being convicted of Sale of Cocaine in California in 1993.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Barry D. Glickman, who prosecuted the case for the government, Chief Judge McKinney ordered that the sentences be served concurrently and that the defendant be turned over to immigration authorities at the conclusion of his sentence for deportation proceedings. If PEREZ-SILVA is not deported from the United States, Glickman reports that Judge McKinney also imposed 8 years supervised release for the drug charge and 3 years for the gun charge each to follow PEREZ-SILVA's imprisonment.

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